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SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 1, 2005

Morgan Hill Civic Center
Council Chambers
17555 Peak Avenue

Senior Advisory Committee

Chair	William Keig
Vice-Chair	Kenneth Mort
Committee Member	Keith Cram
Committee Member	Susan Fent
Committee Member	Staten Johnston
Committee Member	Jeannette Riley
Committee Member	Gloria Subocz

Parks & Recreation Commission Liaison	Jeff Bernardini
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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Keig called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Susan Fent was absent.

DECLARATION OF POSTING THE AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE

Member Gloria Subocz

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VERBAL REPORTS

YMCA SENIOR PROGRAM MONTHLY UPDATE

YMCA Senior Center Director

Patricia Wyman announced that a Valentines Day Party was held at the Senior Center and that John Dosetti would be cooking an Italian meal on Good Friday. Patricia Wyman informed the Committee that she included an update on the VTA paratransit issue in the senior center flyer.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Commission Member Bernardini

Jeff Bernardini, member of the Parks & Recreation Commission, introduced himself as the new liaison to the SAC. He announced that he is looking forward to serving as the liaison and will try to come to every meeting. He made several announcements regarding the time line for the Indoor Recreation Center, the sports complex, and the dog park. He provided the SAC members with his telephone number and e-mail address.

COA ADVISORY COMMISSION

Representative Fent

Susan Fent spoke briefly about depression and the elderly and announced that a video was available on the subject.

COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP (CAG)

Representative Wyman

Patricia Wyman announced that there was a CAG meeting in February. The speakers were Fran Kiernan and Ernie Rusconi. There is an effort to recruit volunteers to go into the home to give caregivers a break for several hours. There is a \$150 annual charge for this service if the client can afford it.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2005 AND SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2005.

Member Subocz moved to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2005 and the January 7, 2005 minutes. Member Mort seconded the motion. Motion carried (6:0).

BUSINESS

2. ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) Information Item. Julie Spier, Recreation & Community Services Manager, will provide the Committee with a report on the City Council direction on the advisory roles of City commissions and committees.

Julie Spier informed the Committee that the City Manager's report to Council recommended that there be no changes to the reporting structure of the SAC and that the SAC remain an advisory committee to the Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC).

Julie Spier went on to say that the PRC believes that the SAC is very important and that communication with one another is also important. She said that although it may be difficult to attend all of each others meetings, the PRC liaison and the SAC chair can communicate with one another outside of regularly scheduled meetings.

Chair Keig commented that the SAC was created to serve as an advisor to the PRC, but of the two major issues concerning the SAC: the Indoor Recreation Center and senior transportation; he does not see that transportation is a PRC issue. Susan Fent commented that there will be times when the SAC wants to look at the big picture and that there is some concern about having to go through the PRC when issues are so much broader than parks and recreation. Julie Spier commented that the SAC could cover whatever they wanted to, but that the reporting procedure had been set by Council. Julie Spier requested that Staff Lengsfeld provide the City Manager's report to Council.

3. UPDATE ON VTA PARATRANSIT ISSUES

Information Item. Susan Fent, SAC Committee Member and COA Advisory Commission Member, will update the Committee on senior paratransit issues.

Susan Fent announced that VTA was having a board meeting on Thursday evening, March 3rd, to discuss paratransit issues. The Community Coalition will be submitting their proposed changes to the paratransit program at this meeting.

Dennis Kennedy, who has a non-voting position on the VTA board, asked the Committee for any concise issues regarding the paratransit program that he could take forward to the voting delegate on the VTA board prior to the board meeting. Dennis Kenney told the Committee that there is strong support from VTA to correct paratransit problems. Susan Fent went over several of the major points that the SAC has been discussing over the past several months.

4. SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE RETREAT

Action Item. The Committee will decide on a date for a retreat at which the roles & responsibilities of the SAC will be discussed.

A special meeting to discuss goal-setting, develop a workplan, and to discuss Committee policies and procedures was approved at the SAC meeting on January 4th. The SAC decided to hold this special meeting on March 16th from 10 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Community & Cultural Center.

5. CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE – SANTA CLARA COUNTY NEWS

Information Item. Provide monthly legislative update from California Senior Legislature.

Staff Lengsfeld provided the monthly legislative update to the Committee members in the agenda packets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

There were no requests for future items.

ADJOURNMENT to the Special Meeting scheduled on **May 16, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center, 17000 Monterey Avenue, Morgan Hill.**

Member Mort moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Staten Johnston. Motion approved (6:0). The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.